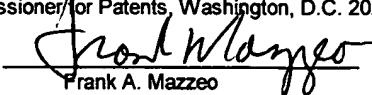


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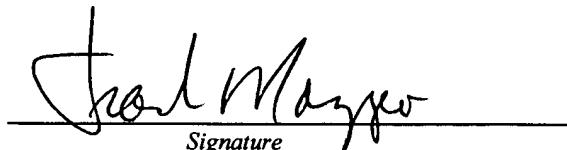
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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a period of one month(s) to September 9, 2000.
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3. Applicant is a small large entity.
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